(c) an RFID reader for reading information from multiple RFID tags substantially simultaneously;

(d) a display; and

(e) a power source.

70. (New) A hand-held RFID device, comprising as an integrated unit:

(a) a detachable handheld computer;

(b) an antenna to transmit commands between an RFID tag and an RFID reader;

(c) an RFID reader for reading information from multiple RFID tags substantially simultaneously; and

(d) a touch-screen display.

71. (New) A hand-held RFID device, comprising as an integrated unit:

(a) a computer;

(b) an antenna to transmit commands between an RFID tag and an RFID reader;

(c) an RFID reader for reading information from multiple RFID tags substantially simultaneously; and

(d) a touch-screen display.

17 72. (New) A hand-held RFID device, comprising as an integrated unit:

(a) a computer;

(b) an antenna to transmit commands between an RFID tag and an RFID reader;

(c) an RFID reader for reading information from multiple RFID tags substantially simultaneously;

(d) an RFID writer for transmitting information to an RFID tag for storage therein;

(e) a touch-screen display; and

(f) a trigger for intermittent activation of the device.

73. (New) The hand-held RFID device of one of claims 69 through 71, further comprising an RFID writer for transmitting information to an RFID tag for storage therein.

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74. (New) The hand-held RFID device of one of claims 69 through 72, further comprising a data transfer system for transferring data from the RFID device to a separate database.

19 75. (New) The hand-held RFID device of claim 18 74, wherein the data transfer system comprises a connection for operatively coupling with a docking station.

20 76. (New) The hand-held RFID device of claim 18 74, wherein the data transfer system comprises a cabled data transfer connection.

21 77. (New) The hand-held RFID device of claim 18 74, wherein the data transfer system comprises a wireless data transfer system.

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78. (New) The hand-held RFID device of one of claims 70 through 72, wherein the device includes an integral power source.

79. (New) The hand-held RFID device of one of claims 69, 71, or 72, wherein the computer is a detachable hand-held computer.

80. (New) The hand-held RFID device of one of claims 69 through 72, wherein the computer includes a power source separate from the source of power for the remainder of the device.

81. (New) The hand-held RFID device of claim 70, wherein the detachable hand-held computer comprises a connection for operatively coupling with a docking station.

24 82. (New) The hand-held RFID device of claim 79, wherein the detachable hand-held computer comprises a connection for operatively coupling with a docking station.

83. (New) The hand-held RFID device of one of claims 69 through 71, further comprising a trigger for intermittent activation of the device.

84. (New) The hand-held RFID device of claim 69, wherein the display is a touch-screen display.

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85. (New) The hand-held RFID device of any one of claims 69 through 72, wherein the hand-held device obtains information from an RFID tag, and immediately displays that information on the display.

86. (New) The hand-held RFID device of any one of claims 69 through 72, wherein the hand-held device obtains information from an RFID tag, and immediately displays information stored within the hand-held device that is related to a tagged item.

87. (New) The hand-held RFID device of any one of claims 69 through 72, wherein the device is adapted to verify the order of materials on a shelf.

88. (New) The hand-held RFID device of any one of claims 69through 72 wherein (i) the device is programmed with specific information identifying certain items that an operator wishes to locate, (ii) identifiers of items read by the RFID device are compared with the information identifying the certain items; and (iii) when a match occurs, the device creates one or more signals indicating the presence of the item.